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SUBJECT: NCNA ON SECRETARY'S SPEECH

SUMMARY: NCNA COVERAGE OF THE SECRETARY'S ST. LOUIS WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL ADDRESS PLAYED UP THREE POINTS: CONTINUED US VIGILANCE DESPITE DETENTE EFFORTS WITH THE SOVIETS; STRENGTHENED US TIES WITH WESTERN EUROPE, JAPAN AND CANADA; AND A CONTINUED US RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRC. END SUMMARY

1. ALONG WITH THE PRC'S TWO-TIERED TREATMENT OF THE US IN THE AFTERMATH OF US DEFEATS IN INDOCHINA, PRC MEDIA CONTINUES TO HIGHLIGHT STATEMENTS BY US OFFICIALS WHICH INDICATE US CONTINUED WILLINGNESS TO CONTEND WITH THE SOVIETS AND PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. NCNA MAY 14 THUS REPORTED BRIEF EXCERPTS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MAY 12 ADDRESS BEFORE THE ST. LOUIS WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL, LIMITING ITS COVERAGE TO THREE SECTIONS OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2. THE GREATER PORTION OF THE BRIEF NCNA DISPATCH WAS DEVOTED TO THE SECRETARY'S ADMONITIONS DIRECTED TOWARD THE SOVIETS. IT CITED HIS ASSERTION THAT THE US WOULD NOT PERMIT US-SOVIET DETENTE TO RELAX OUR VIGILANCE NOR DETERMINATION TO RESIST SOVIET EFFORTS TO EXPLOIT STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES OR LOCAL CONFLICT. IT NOTED THE "PARTICULAR EMPHASIS" PLACED ON THE STRENGTHENING OF OUR ALLIANCE WITH WESTERN EUROPE, CANADA AND JAPAN. NCNA ALSO REPORTED THE SECRETARY AS STATING THAT ALLIES AND FRIENDS OF THE US ARE OUR FIRST PRIORITY BUT THAT THE NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA IS YET ANOTHER PRIORITY OF US POLICY, AND REAFFIRMING THE US COMMITMENT TO THE GOALS OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE AND THE PRESIDENT'S PLANS TO VISIT CHINA LATER THIS YEAR IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS GOAL.

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